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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that a federal grand jury sitting in Madison returned an indictment on February 24, 2005, charging Raymond Hanson, Jr., of Merrill, Wisconsin, DOB 09/04/72, with conspiracy to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine. If convicted, Hanson faces a maximum penalty of life in prison.

Hanson is alleged to have manufactured and distributed large quantities of methamphetamine in the Lincoln and Marathon county areas. Hanson was arrested in Merrill on February 28, 2005, and the indictment was unsealed on March 1, 2005.

The charge against Hanson is the result of an investigation conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau; the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department; and the Merrill Police Department. Prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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